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# H. R. 8664

To provide funds to local educational agencies for personal protective equipment for educators and other staff, and students.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. MFUME, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. POCAN, Mr. VELA, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. FUDGE, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To provide funds to local educational agencies for personal protective equipment for educators and other staff, and students.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “PPE for Safe Schools

5       Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. PPE FOR SCHOOLS.**

2           (a) GRANTS TO STATES.—

3              (1) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

4                  (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Edu-  
5                 cation, in consultation with the Secretary of  
6                 Health and Human Services, shall make grants  
7                 in the amount described in subparagraph (A) to  
8                 each State educational agency with an approved  
9                 application.

10                 (B) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The amount of  
11                 each grant under subparagraph (A) shall be al-  
12                 located by the Secretary to each State edu-  
13                 cational agency in the same proportion as the  
14                 State educational agency received under part A  
15                 of title I of the Elementary and Secondary  
16                 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et  
17                 seq.) for the most recent fiscal year.

18              (2) APPLICATIONS.—

19                  (A) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—To re-  
20                 ceive a grant under this section, a State edu-  
21                 cational agency shall submit to the Secretary an  
22                 application at such time, in such manner, and  
23                 containing such information as the Secretary  
24                 may reasonably require.

25                  (B) SECRETARIAL NOTIFICATIONS.—

(3) USES OF FUNDS.—A State educational that receives a grant under this Act—

24 (b) SUBGRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-  
25 CIES.—

1                     (1) APPLICATIONS.—To receive a subgrant  
2       under this section, a local educational agency shall  
3       submit an application to the appropriate State edu-  
4       cational agency at such time, in such manner, and  
5       containing such information as the State educational  
6       agency may require.

7                     (2) USES OF FUNDS.—A local educational agen-  
8       cy that receives a subgrant under this section shall  
9       use the subgrant for one or more of the following:

10                   (A) Purchasing supplies to sanitize and  
11       clean the facilities of, and the buses used by,  
12       the elementary schools and secondary schools  
13       served by such local educational agency.

14                   (B) Purchasing personal protective equip-  
15       ment for educators and other staff, and stu-  
16       dents.

17                   (C) Providing training on the use of the  
18       equipment and supplies described in subpara-  
19       graphs (A) and (B).

20                   (D) Hiring additional support staff for the  
21       cleaning and sanitization described in subpara-  
22       graph (A).

23                   (c) REPORTING.—Not later than 90 days after the  
24       date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
25       to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-

1 sions of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of  
2 the Senate, the Committee on Education and Labor of the  
3 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Approp-  
4 priations of the House of Representatives a report that  
5 includes—

6                 (1) the amount of each grant awarded under  
7 this Act, and the State educational agency receiving  
8 the grant; and

9                 (2) the percentage of students benefitting from  
10 funds awarded under this Act who are eligible for  
11 free or reduced price lunch under the Richard B.  
12 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751  
13 et seq.).

14                 (d) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of  
15 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
16 \$17,000,000,000, to remain available through fiscal year  
17 2021, to make grants under this section.

18                 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the terms “elemen-  
19 tary school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary  
20 school”, “Secretary”, “State”, and “State educational  
21 agency” have the meanings given the terms in section  
22 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
23 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

